



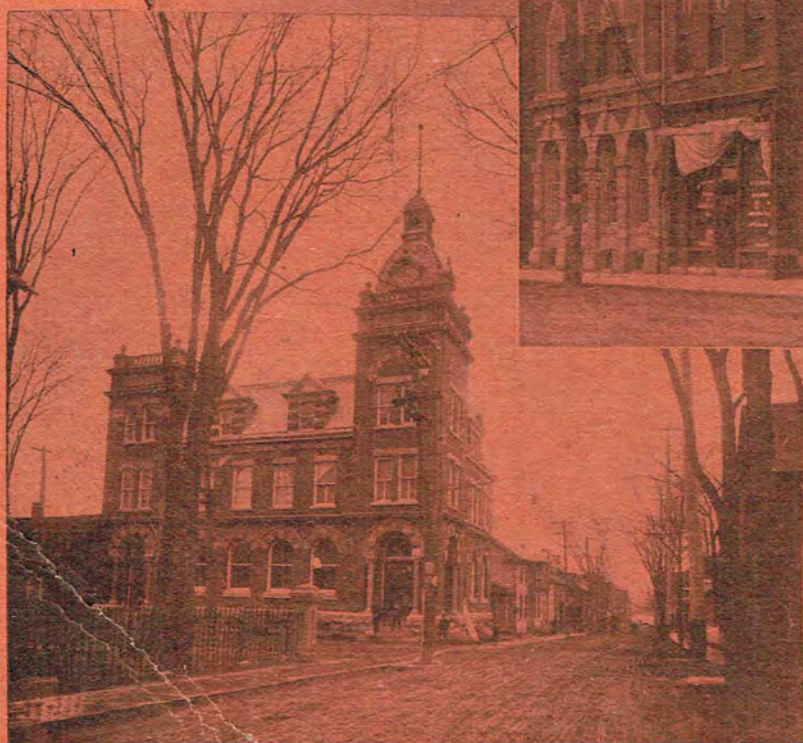
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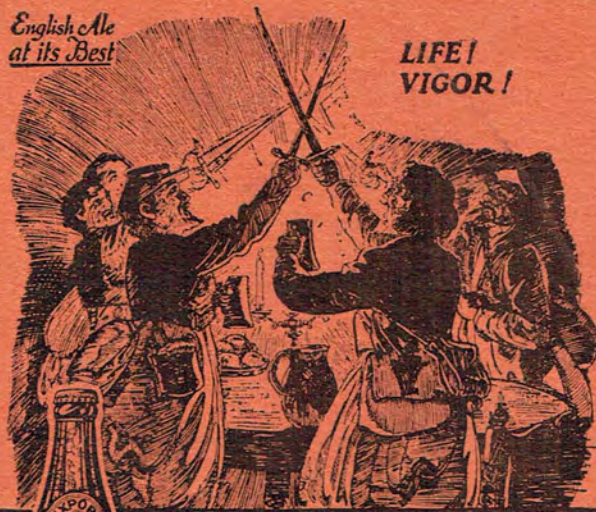
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SPRING.

Tradition tells us that a wonderful natural phenomena occurs on March 21st. On this date, the earth, which has long suffered in the icy grasp of "King Winter" is liberated by the youthful knight "Spring" and "Old King Sol" viewing his acolytes' endeavours, beams benevolently. Then every hitherto inanimate object comes to life, the flowers bloom, the birdies sing and even the most indolent Trooper in the Squadron has been known to double across the square.

Either tradition lies or some atmospherical happening has retarded the advance of our younger season; for after our experiences of the past few weeks we are forced to conclude, that while spring may be coming, it has certainly not arrived yet. But let us not despair. The usual signs and omens that go to prove the near arrival of Spring have been duly and authentically witnessed. Pete Merrix spent an hour gazing ecstatically at the first robin, the Quartermaster has provided himself with an unlimited supply of whitewash, and the Sergt. Major has been observed making little piles of combustible articles in preparation for the usual sacrificial fires. Then again one may read in the daily papers charming little contributions such as—"Ode to a Cow-slip," or "The Rhapsody of a Radish," and though the majority of us may not be interested in the moral rectitude of animals of the bovine species—still these poetic vapourings are a sign of the times and go to prove the coming of better days.

It is an extraordinary fact that the advent of spring usually produces a general feeling of restlessness in persons of every degree. We feel lifted out of ourselves as it were, dissatisfied with material things, and are constantly striving after the unattainable. As an illustration—about this time a year

ago we saw one of the most confirmed disciples of "John Barley-corn" hurriedly finish his glass and leave the canteen an hour before the customary time. The cynical would caustically remark "I guest he was broke"; the trader would bittingly sneer "The book's closed"; but we, who know say, "His soul sickening at the gross realities of life compelled him to commune with himself in solitude."

The finely combed Yearly Estimates have been submitted. That we are allowed to exist even in a sadly reduced state is a matter of mutual congratulations.

This month we publish "A Cavalry Action" (seen through the glasses of an Infantry Officer). This article appeared in the Cavalry Association section of the Canadian Defence Quarterly, for January 1924. But as that publication does not fall into the hands of many of our readers, we are sure that the article will prove of interest, especially as it deals with that part of the front in which the Canadian Cavalry Brigade was operating on August 8th, 1918. This article is published by the kind permission of Major F. B. Inkster, P.L.D.G., representing the Canadian Cavalry Association, and through the courtesy of the author, Captain R. C. Gaisford, to whom we express our most sincere thanks. Captain R. C. Gaisford is now a member of the 38th Ottawa Highlanders, and at the time to which his article refers was an officer with the 28th Bn. C.E.F.

The Sporting Times recommends the following as the most suitable breakfast for "the morning after the night before"—

Champagne, half bottle.
Grilled steak.
Kidneys.
One dog (to eat grilled steak and kidneys).

Personal & Regimental

Dr. Armand Gervais, of St. Johns, Que., has been gazetted a Lieutenant in the Canadian Army Dental Corps.

Sergeant J. Hallett "B" Sqn., R.C.D., has been posted to the Instructional Cadre.

Cpl. R. Harris, "A" Sqn. R.C.D., has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, to replace Sgt. J. Hallett. Sgt. Harris came to Canada in May 1920 with a draft of about 20 men who came over from the Old Country to enlist in "A" Sqn. R.C.D. During the latter part of the war, Sgt. Harris held a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force in England. During the past four years Sgt. Harris has taken a prominent part in the athletic life of the Barracks, especially in football and boxing activities.

We heartily congratulate him on his promotion, and wish him every success.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. F. A. Green, who has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Cpl. Greene enlisted in the Regiment at Toronto on the 7th of June, 1919, and took part in the post-war occupation of St. Johns by "A" Squadron, R.C.D.

Q.M.S.(I) R. J. Brown, R.C.D., has been transferred from Toronto to St. Johns, Que. During the war Q.M.S.(I) Brown served with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) and latterly gained a commission in the field with that unit. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 1921 and being posted to the Instructional Cadre soon obtained the rank of Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor. Q.M.S.(I) and Mrs. Brown and family have taken up their residence in St. Johns, and we extend to them a hearty welcome to the Station.

Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C., R.C.D., spent a few days last month visiting relatives at the St. Vincent de

Paul Penitentiary, on his return he introduced a new "Black Maria" cocktail to the mess.

Another Jockey.—We announce the arrival of a small son at the home of Sgt. O'Donnell, R.C.A. M.C.

Tpr. (S.S.) "Jock" Wright met with a painful accident last month while working in the forge. A horse lashed out and kicked him in the leg breaking it below the knee. Fortunately the horse had no shoes on at the time or the injury might have been much worse. We are pleased to report that Tpr. Wright is doing as well as can be expected on the road towards recovery.

On the completion of the Veterinary Officers' Course Major C. Colombe, C.A.V.C., spent a week at Barracks, the guest of the Officers. Major Colombe is no stranger to us, having been attached to "A" Sqn. as Veterinary Officer during our "summer outing" at Sydney, C.B.

Major and Mrs. D. B. Bowie returned from a one month's visit to Florida on Monday, April 7th.

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Lt. Col. W. H. Bell, D.S.O., R.C.D., and Major C. E. Connolly, D.S.O., L.S.H.(R.C.) who went to England last January to attend the Senior Officers' School at Sheerness, have been attached to the 12th Lancers at Tidworth for the past two months, pending the commencement of the course.

We are very pleased to announce the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Sergeant Major (W.O.1) J. Mountford, R.C.D. Sergt. Major Mountford enlisted in the Royal Canadian Engineers on the 25th October, 1905, and transferred to the Royal Canadian Dragoons in July 1910, since when he has served continuously with the Regiment including the period spent on active service. With the exception of the time whilst overseas practically the whole of Sergeant Major Mountford's service both in the R.C.E's and R.C.D's has been spent at the Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns.

We are sure that we are joined by all past and present members of the regiment in offering our congratulations to him.

Here and There.

275 OBJECTS IN STOMACH.

Remarkable Inventory of Removals from "Swallowers."

Chicago, March 29.—Two hundred and seventy-five individual objects were taken from the stomach of William Bartell, "professional swallower" in an operation performed by Dr. Max Thorek at the American Hospital today. The surgeon's official inventory follows:

Upholstery tacks 12; nails 110; nuts 2; screws 3; tackheads 4; parts of safety pins 65; whole safety pins 12; paper clips 22; bolts 4; curtain hooks 1; can openers 1; beer checks (non-negotiable) 1; washers 2; cartridges 2; dimes 1; thumbtacks 33.

The list, according to Dr. Thorek, does not include "crockery, glass or bricks."

Bartell was taken ill with peritonitis after swallowing a spike at the Logan Square Theatre last night. The spike penetrated the wall of the stomach. His condition is regarded as serious.—(The Montreal Gazette.)

It is reported on good authority that at the next performance of the Barracks Concert Party, Tpr. Jewkes will make an attempt to swallow the "last post."

We regret to announce the death

of Lt. Col. Scroggie, D.S.O., M.C., Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. For the past few years Lt. Col. Scroggie has been employed on the staff of the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont.

A recent addition to the Station is the establishment of a Corporals' Mess. A portion of the library and recreation room has been partitioned off for that purpose, and has been suitably furnished. The pre-war Corporals' Mess left a balance of roughly twenty-five dollars which has been in the savings bank since 1914.

A recent amendment to the Regulations and Calendar of the Royal Military College of Canada, reads as follows:—"A cadet who leaves the College with a Certificate of Military Qualification be graduating in order to accept a commission in the Canadian Permanent Force, or who accepts a commission therein prior to the graduation of the original members of his class, or a class senior to his own, will automatically become junior to any of them who may on graduation be appointed to a commission in the Canadian Permanent Force."

In lieu of issues in kind to Warrant Officers Class II., Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Permanent Force, of personal clothing for the period of engagement a system of a money credit, similar to the system of pre-war days, has been approved with effect from April 1st, 1924.

The Cavalry War Memorial, which is to occupy a position in Hyde Park, is nearing completion, and it is expected that the unveiling ceremony will take place in May.

Invitations have been extended through the High Commissioner

to those units of the Canadian Forces whose names are engraved on the Cavalry War Memorial for the Great War, to send a small representative party to the ceremony of the unveiling. It is hoped to make the ceremony as representative as possible of all the cavalry units in the British Empire who took part in the Great War, and the Canadian military authorities at Ottawa are being consulted with regard to representative parties for Canadian units. The following units representing Canada will be engraved on the memorial: Royal Canadian Dragoons, Lord Strathcona's Horse, Fort Garry Horse, and Canadian Light Horse.—(Army, Navy and Air Force Gazette.)

Battle Honours:—Considerable progress has been made with the award of Battle Honours for the Great War. Lists of the engagements that various units were entitled to were compiled, then regimental committees of the units concerned were appointed to go over the lists and select ten of them to be borne on their Colours or Appointments.

We publish below the lists submitted to several of the Regiments of the Cavalry Corps, showing the Honours which they have selected in black face. As the Canadian Cavalry Brigade took part in many of the engagements mentioned, no doubt our Honours will be somewhat similar.

7th Dragoon Guards (Princess Royal's).

"La Basse 1914," "Givenchy 1914," "Somme, 1916, '18", "Bazentin", "Flers-Courcelette", "Cambria, 1917 '18", "St. Quentin", "Avre", "Lys", "Hazebrouck", "Amiens", "Hindenburg Line", "St. Quentin Canal", "Beaurevoir", "Pursuit to Mons", France and Flanders



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The Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons).

"Mons", "Retreat from Mons", "Marne, 1914", "Aisne, 1914", "Messines, 1914", "Ypres, 1914, '15", "Neuve Chapelle", "St. Julien", "Arras, 1917", "Scarpe, 1917", "Amiens", "Somme, 1918", "Albert, 1918", "Bapaume, 1918", "Hindenburg Line", "St. Quentin Canal", "Beaurevoir", "Pursuit to Mons", "France and Flanders, 1914-18".

9th Queen's Royal Lancers.

"Mons", "Le Cateau", "Re-treat from Mons", "Marne, 1914", "Aisne, 1914", "La Basse, 1914", "Messines, 1914", "Armentieres, 1914", "Ypres, 1914, '15", "Gravenstafel", "St. Julien", "Frezenberg", "Belle-waarde", "Somme 1916, '18", "Pozières", "Flers-Courcelette".

"Arras, 1917", "Scarpe, 1917", "Cambrai, 1917", "St. Quentin", "Rosieres", "Avre", "Amiens", "Pursuit to Mons", "France and Flanders, 1914-18".

The Honours of some of the Yeomanry Regiments are most interesting as they indicate operations on so many of the different fronts.

Buckinghamshire Yeomanry (Royal Bucks. Hussars).

"Arras, 1918", "Scarpe, 1918", "Ypres, 1918", "Courtrai", "France and Flanders, 1918", "Suvla", "Scimitar Hill", "Gal-lipoli, 1915", "Egypt, 1915-17", "Gaza", "El Mughar", "Nebi Smwil", "Palestine, 1917-18".

Shropshire Yeomanry (Dragoons).

"Hindenburg Line", "Epehy", "Pursuit to Mons", "France and Flanders, 1918", "Egypt, 1916-17", "Gaza", "Jerusalem", "Jericho", "Tell Asur", "Pales-tine, 1917-18".

Lt. Col. E. W. Pope, C.M.G., The Royal Canadian Regiment, who for the past few years has commanded "D" Coy. in Mont-real, has been transferred to Hali-fax to command "A" Coy. Major H. W. Landon, O.B.E., M.C., The R.C.R., assumes temporary com-mand of "D" Coy. in Montreal.



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Surely my most impressive experience during the late war was a view of cavalry in action. Somewhat despised on account of enforced inaction during the long trench to trench struggle preceding the operations of 1918, then the cavalry came gloriously into its own and proved its indispensable worth as an offensive force.

Infantrymen, possessing a fair share of the common egotism, were very loath to accord much credit to any other branch of the Service, except as necessary evils adjunct to our own world-conquering capability and self-sacrificing service. With memories of inspiring history of knightly days of old, memories of great pictures of smashing cavalry charges which thrilled our belligerent boyhood, trench warfare in contrast held nothing of the picturesque but reeked in squalor, muck and toil.

The realization of dreams of things as they ought to be was permitted by the fates and G.H.Q. on August 8th, 1918. Our Battalion went over in support on that first day of the great Amiens push to jump through the illustrious "Pats" at their objective and attack and consolidate Cayeux Wood under cover of a cavalry assault. With no artillery preparation the mounted troops with their pent up craving to prove their usefulness were to pave the way for our consolidation of the position.

Our assembly position in advance of the Patricia's objective was on the forward slope of a hill overlooking a valley some three hundred yards in width. A bright sunshine of noonday in August—birds singing and wild flowers growing about us—we were so far advanced beyond the firing line that few signs of War's devastation were evident, and it seemed for a moment like a picnic outing.

Soon, in low ground behind us hordes of cavalry were seen assembling. In our infantry ignorance it seemed a chaos of man-ridden horses rushing hither and thither in a mad stampede. Our inaccurate impression was that the entire cavalry corps was support-

ing us instead of a mere two squadrons.

A rush down the sunken road through the ridge on our immediate right and they deployed into lines in the valley before us. Climbing the rise from the valley, with a cheer of victory the furious assault charged madly but in perfect order across the level field of four or five hundred yards to the bullet-speeding wood across the front. A truly glorious sight. In the face of a frantic through futile fire from the enemy machine guns, they charged with intrepid bravery. Here and there a riderless horse scampered back, or imbued with the Hun-hunt spirit, joined the chase, betokening a casualty whose only regret was that he could not be "in at the death." Within scarce a minute from the sounding of the "charge" the horsemen were lost to sight in the woods and panic-stricken Huns were dribbling from the wood with hands reaching Heavenward in supplication for mercy and humble demonstration of docile submission.

Thus came the conviction of the unparalleled value of the swift-moving cavalry in assault in such propitious circumstances. The speed with which the defensive field of fire of the enemy was crossed permitted the gunners no time to direct their fire, their impending and positive fate paralyzed their trigger fingers (a sensation familiar to us all) and the less than sixty seconds of time allowed but a minimum number of casualties to that glorious little assaulting force.

The infantry followed, deployed across the front, in our slogging, plodding, methodical way. We met no opposition from our front, requiring only some necessary precaution against a scattered fire from our flanks. On reaching the wood, the further front of which was our objective for consolidation and holding, we were able to clean up with no opposition. So terrifically fierce and sudden had the assault been that the terror-stricken enemy were broken and ready for brand. The Company to which the writer was attached arrived at its objective without a casualty, an unprecedented record in view of the prepared resistance.

In all our previous experience there had been none of the spectacular, none of the grandeur or chivalrous daring pictured and cherished in the vivid imaginations cultivated when we were "going on fourteen." 'Twas the realization of boyhood dreams—which even full grown men do appreciate.

May the sincere enthusiasm for

the exploit here recounted make amends somewhat for the excusable if unreasonable grouches which the old soldier claimed and practised as his prerogative.

On the morning of the following day, August 9th, the Independent Cavalry Corps assembled on our right front and penetrated without support far into the enemy territory. Following on through Caix, Rosieres and Chilli for further action, we were able to observe the results of their marvellous work, though regrettable signs of the price they had paid were sadly in evidence. Withal, it is true, only the excellent cavalry work in assault and exploitation, made possible the great success of the Canadian Corps in that advance which broke the withering spirit of the great Hun horde.

Notes from H.Q. M.D. No. 4.

C.R. Clerk commenting upon a letter received regarding "Carrots" asked a brother clerk what fyle he would place such a document in. Why, that's easy, "the vegetable fyle" was the brilliant reply.

At last the sheep have been separated from the goats in that at the H.Q. Mess, the "chaps" now sit at one table and the "gentlemen" at another. Enough said, "By gad."

It is rumoured that Sgt. "Billy" Jackson, O.C. "B" Section, C.M. S.C., is in the near future to receive the appointment of Confidential Secretary to the D.I.O., M.D. No. 4. It is hoped that he will not divulge any of the official secrets? whilst holding this important office.

Who is that Warrant Officer at H.Q. M.D. No. 4 who is undergoing a course of "Memory Training." He is so devoted to his studies that he carries his precious text book where'er he goes. But why, oh why, after partaking of some liquid consolation a few evenings ago, did he depart with his "Memory Training" Part 1, under his arm, but had to return for other papers which he had forgotten. We would strongly recommend this course to others who suffer from lack of memory, especially regarding finance.

Instructor, reprimanding recruit who has displayed temper checking his horse:—"Easy there, Easy. Don't you know a horse has got a temperature just the same as you."

Old Comrades.

A letter has been received from Lt. Col. The Rev. Father J. A. Fortier, in which he wished to be remembered to all his old comrades and expressed his appreciation at receiving a copy of "The Goat" each month. Lt. Col. Fortier's address is 725 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.

We were very pleased last month to welcome ex-Pte. B. F. Murray (No. 314 "A" Sqn. R.C.D.) who paid a visit to Barracks.

Murray was a member of "A" Sqn. in St. Johns before the war, who went overseas with us, was twice wounded and returned to Canada with the Regiment. He then took his discharge and since that time has done quite a bit of travelling, spending some time in Vancouver, B.C. He is now travelling for a Canadian Magazine, and in the course of his wanderings across Canada has frequently looked up ex-members of the Regiment; he gave us several addresses of old comrades, to whom copies of "The Goat" have been sent and we hope to hear from them. Murray's permanent address is care of his sister, Miss H. C. Murray, 112½ Chester St., Toronto.

Seeing Murray again reminds us of the times when we were doing trench duty. Murray, although he belonged to "A" Sqn. was usually employed as a runner on H.Q. and one day arrived at the "A" Sqn. dug out with a message to the effect that—Several complaints had been received that runners, etc., were in the habit of going about the trenches "improperly dressed," and that in future all such cases were to be severely dealt with. The O.C. "A" Sqn. promptly placed Pte. Murray, who as usual had no rifle or tin hat and wore a pair of running shoes instead of boots and putties, in arrest, and detained him in the dug out. About an hour later the field telephone rang, and Captain Moss, the Adjutant, wanted to know if anything had been seen of Pte. Murray who had left H.Q. an hour before on his way to deliver a message to "A" Sqn. Captain Moss was informed that Pte. Murray was in arrest for being "improperly dressed." About half an hour later another runner (properly dressed) arrived at "A" Sqn. from Regimental H.Q. with a field message which read—"Order No. does not apply to Regtl. H.Q. runners."

Strange to say only a few days after Pte. Murray visited St.

Johns a letter was received from Capt. J. L. Smeaton, in which he said:

"I came across this piece of verse in some of the odd scraps I brought back with me, and as it was written after the August show by one of my troop in "A" Sqn., I thought it might find a place in "The Goat." I do not remember what became of Murray."

Sunday, May 4th, 1924, will be the Tenth Anniversary of the arrival of the Regiment in France. On Saturday, May 3rd the Annual Re-Union Dinner of the Officers and Ex-Officers will be held, and in order to enable those participating to once more renew acquaintances, and recall memories over the wines of "Sunny France," St. Johns, Quebec, has been selected as the rendezvous.

It is hoped that every Ex-Officer will, by his presence, make this re-union a banner one.

Ex Pte. "Bill" Bailey, who was a member of "A" Squadron in pre-war days, visited Barracks on March 30th and renewed many old acquaintances. Bailey is now living at Lachute, Que., but at the present time he is at the D.S.C.R. Hospital, St. Anne de Bellevue, where he has to undergo an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

AFTER THE CHARGE.

(To the troop horses.)

Pawing, snorting, champing, eager,
Bloodshot eyes and foaming lips;
Heaving flanks and ears a-quiver,
Sweat from foam-flecked belly
drips.

Mouthing bits, defiant, fearless,
Muscles tensed—a metal fine;
Head in air, and iron hearted,
Strength in every cure and line.

Pulling, straining, ever restless,
Heeding not the raging hell,
Seeing not the bloody slaughter—
When their friends—their riders
fell.

Surging, prancing, never ceasing,
Backs towards the setting sun,
In their eyes the light of battle
Knowing not their work is done.

Listening, Hark! above the clamour
Sounds the trumpets' ringing
tone;

'Tis the rally! Look—they know it
Westwards, eager, trot they home.

--No. 314, Pte. Benj. J. Murray,
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The dress and general appearance of all was exceptionally good in all instances. The Barracks Orchestra assisted in all numbers, directed by Mrs. H. Swarbrick. S/Sgt. Ellis, assisted by Cpl. Swarbrick, managed the Stage in a very able manner.

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Militia Notes.

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In a letter received by the Adjutant Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns, Que., from Lt. Col. Maurice Fisher, Officer Commanding the New Brunswick Dragoons, who attended the Senior Officers "brush up" course last month, Lt. Col. Fisher said:—"I wanted to drop you this line to express my appreciation of the courtesy extended by all the Officers at the Mess and to say that all the Officers on the Course remarked at various times how the Officers and other ranks of "A" Sqn. R.C.D., were so anxious at all times to give all possible assistance and information."

The Cavalry School at London, Ont., January-March 1914:—On the 7th January a small detachment of the Royal Canadian Dragoons entrained at Toronto for London, Ont. The detachment was made up as follows:—Major F. Sawers, M.C.; Q.M.S.(I) R. J. Brown; Tpr. Crawford, M.M.; Tpr. Martin, Tpr. Bretswell, and seven horses. On arrival at London they proceeded to Wolseley Barracks where every effort was made by the R.C.R.'s. to make them comfortable. Work commenced the next day with the following courses: Provisional School for Field Officers, Lieutenants and N.C.O.'s of the 1st Hussars, and an equitation class made up of six officers from the local Field Battery, and two officers from the W.O.R. The field officers reported to Major Sawers three evenings a week and had tactical rides on Saturday afternoons. The Lieutenants and N.C.O.'s paraded at the armouries four evenings a week, and on Saturday afternoon at the stables Wolseley Barracks, for practical lectures on stable management. The equitation class turned out each week two afternoons and one evening. A very satisfactory progress was made by all classes due to the keen interest and good attendance of the candidates. The Lieutenants and N.C.O.'s gave an average attendance of from 12 to 15 refreshers and new candidates, and one must remark on the general all round efficiency and keen-

ness of this class, which made the work most pleasant for the instructors, and speaks well for the high standard maintained by the 1st Hussars amongst the Warrant and Non-commissioned ranks. The courses continued for eight weeks, and were brought to a most successful conclusion. In the examinations only one candidate failed to qualify.

This article would not be complete without a few remarks about the city of London. A fine old atmosphere which emanates from the Western University and imparts refinement and dignity, and has great influence over the habits and condition of living of the majority of the citizens. There is a peaceful atmosphere about London which is very soothing after the hustle and bustle of Toronto. One must also remark on the kindness and consideration shown by all ranks of the Royal Canadian Regiment, they co-operated in every way to lend the cavalry assistance. On Feb. 27th we had the honour to witness the celebration of the anniversary of Paardeburg Day by the Royal Canadian Regiment. The Trooping of the Colours at the armouries was a most impressive ceremony, and one cannot speak

too highly of the manner in which the R.C.R. celebrated this most glorious anniversary.

Whilst in London we came in contact with many old friends of the 1st Hussars, who have attended various courses at Stanley Barracks, or Niagara Camp. Amongst whom were Colonel Taylor, the new Commanding Officer; Captain Lawson, the Adjutant; R.S. M. Simmons, S.S.M. Drakely, Sgt. Simmons, Sgt. Cook, Sgt. Axtel, and many others. It was at first intended that our duties would terminate about the 19th Feb., but owing to the two weeks extension granted the Provisional School, and after that the decision to hold two 16 day camp schools during March, we were retained for another six weeks. The work at the camp schools from an instructional point of view was highly satisfactory, and for the second school the services of Lieut. Murphy and S.S.M. Drakely were enlisted as assistant instructors.

In conclusion we must state that our memories of this three months tour of duty will be most pleasant, and we heartily congratulate the 1st Hussars on the splendid success of their candidates.

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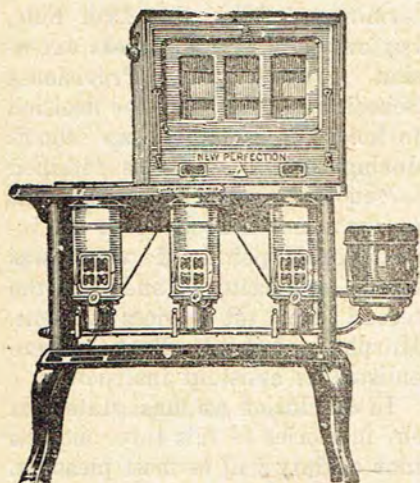
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Reds Will Dine.—The annual dinner of the Red Chevron Association will be held in the vicinity of Ottawa on the 22nd instant in commemoration of the second battle of Ypres. It is expected that about 150 will attend and that a pleasant time will be had.

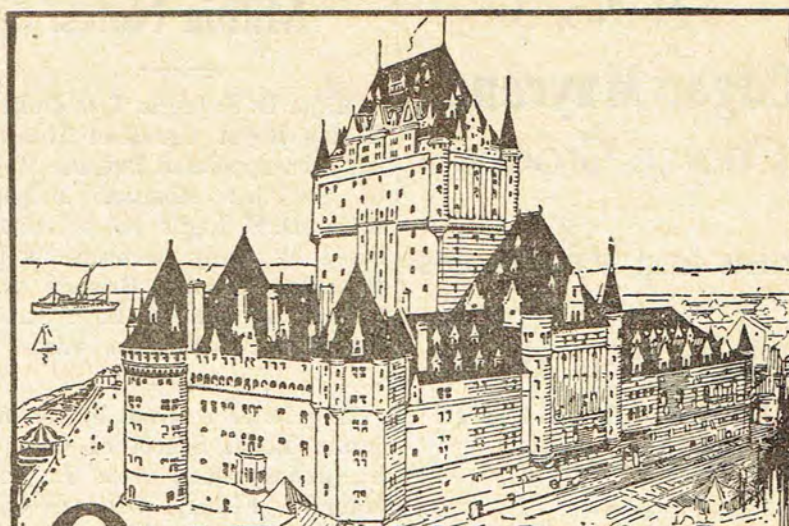
Engineers Inspected.—Major Gen. J. H. Elmsley and Col. J. F. Foulkes inspected the 3rd F. C. C. E., on the 12th of March. The general expressed his pleasure at the large number of men in the company who had had overseas service.

D. R. A. Annual.—The annual meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association was held on the 19th March in the Railway committee room in the House of Commons, the chairman, Major General Sir Alex Bertram being in the chair. The chief speaker of the day was His Excellency the Governor General Baron Byng of Vimy.

Baron Byng being introduced by General Bertram, replied to a resolution of thanks for his generous co-operation in the work of the association. The Governor General said that while he knew there were men in the association who knew more about rifle shooting than he, he wished to point out that rifle shooting was a very important phase of the training of the youths and men of the country. The lesson of the war had been that quick action was necessary when war was declared, and to the country which had thousands of men trained in the efficient use of the rifle lay a great advantage. He pointed out the glorious record of the "Old Contemptibles" of 1914, who stemmed the tide of German advance, practically without artillery, and largely through the use of the rifle.

In England, said he, great success had been achieved in rifle shooting by getting boys' clubs and organizations interested in it. The response had been wonderful, and the results good. The same should be done in Canada. Shooting was the ideal of sporting competitions and the boys would respond readily enough if things were made easy for them.

Hon. E. M. Macdonald, minister of national defence, and Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., chief of staff, also addressed the meeting. Major General Sir Alex. Bertram was re-elected president, and the following vice-presidents were re-elected: Major General Hon. S. C.

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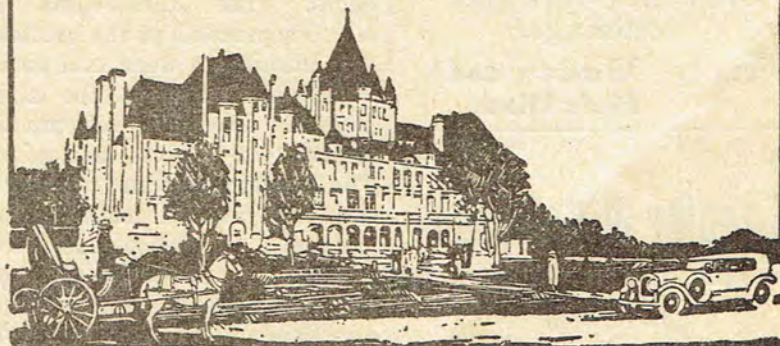
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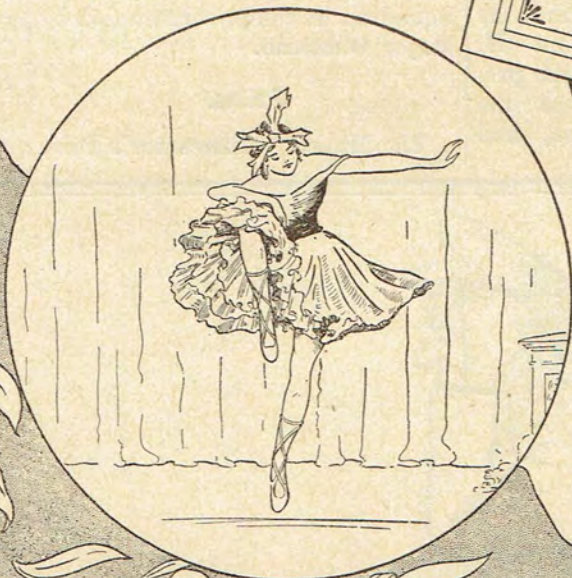


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P. L. D. G. Rifle Association.—The annual meeting of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards Rifle Association was held on the 17th March at regimental headquarters with the president, Lieut. Henry Gill, in the chair. The report of the secretary showed the association to be in a flourishing condition and that during the past year members of the regiment had made creditable scores at the different matches and the D. R. A. The chief speaker of the evening was Major General Andrew McNaughton and he also presented prizes won during the past year.

General McNaughton complimented the late executive of the association on the fine showing made last season, and particularly the unselfish attitude of the older shots towards the new recruits. He also alluded to the fact that the retiring secretary, Sergeant H. Wyse, deserved praise for the present financial standing of the P.L.D.G. Rifle Association, and

concluded his remarks with the assurance that aperture sights would soon be furnished for future training.

Other officers elected were: Secretary treasurer, Sergeant F. H. McCoy; auditor, Major E. B. Nelson, M.C.; team captain, Sergeant H. Wyse; musketry instructor, Captain C. E. Bleakney; executive committee, Squadron Sergeant Major J. H. Smith, Sergeant F. A. C. Moore, and Sergeant D. Carroll.

Cup Winners.

Prizes were presented as follows:

The Munro Challenge Cup, 3rd Class, won by Sgt. F. H. McCoy.

The Burrit Challenge Cup, 2nd Class, won by S.S.M.D. McDonald.

The Conway Challenge Cup (for the best shot in the regiment), won by Lance-Corporal Meredith.

The Nelson Rowan Challenge Cup, 1st Class, won by Lance-Corporal Meredith.

The Officers' Challenge Cup, 1st Class, won by Capt. E. Devitt.

The Non-Commissioned Officers' Challenge Cup, 2nd Class, won by S.S.M. McDonald.

The Sparks Trophy, 3rd Class, won by Corporal Dewhurst.

The P.L.D.G. Rifle Association Challenge Cup, won by "A" Squadron at camp, commanded by Major Olmstead.

Prizes.

The Musketry Instructor's Prize

(given by Captain Bleakney for best average attendance throughout season), won by Tpr. Harrison.

The Commanding Officer's Prize, 2nd Class (given by Lieut.-Col. Sherwood for best average of 10 complete shoots), won by Tpr. Harrison.

The Second in Command's Prize, 3rd Class (given by Major Blue for best average of ten complete shoots), won by Sergeant F. H. McCoy.

The President's Prize (given by Lieut. Gill for best average of ten complete shoots, any class), won by Lance-Corporal Meredith.

Spoon Winners.

1st Class: Lance-Cpl. Meredith, 3; Sgt. H. Wyse, 3; Trooper Bleakney, 1; S.S.M. Smith, 1.

2nd Class: S.S.M. Smith, 3; Sgt. Carroll, 3; Tpr. Harrison, 2.

3rd Class: Corporal Roe, 3; Sgt. Moore, 3; Trooper Williams, 2; Sgt. McCoy, 2; Sgt. Stephens, 2; Corporal Dewhurst, 1; Trooper McCracken, 1; Trooper MacCallum, 1.

To Welcome Navy. — Mayor Owen, of Victoria, B.C., has issued invitations to 1400 towns and cities in the four western provinces to have official representatives at the welcome to the touring British fleet which will arrive in June. Ottawa will also be asked to send a representative.

P.L.D.G. Dinner.—The annual



Educational Training.

meeting and dinner of the officers of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards was held on the evening of the 18th March at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club and was attended by about 40 officers of the active and reserve lists. Major W. A. Blue, acting commanding officer, was in the chair and the guests of honor included Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., chief of staff; Wing Commander W. G. Barker, V.C.; Lieut.-Col. H. J. Coghill, and Lieut.-Col. F. O. Hodgins, D.S.O., G.S.O., M.D. 3. General MacBrien was the principal speaker of the evening, and he congratulated the officers on the excellent record of their regiment. He referred to the trying times through which all branches of the forces were passing and urged the officers to unite in an endeavor to maintain efficiency in the face of difficulties until the time should come that the financial stress would be lightened and much needed money be available for their work. His recent visit to England, on the occasion of the Imperial conference, had left a very deep impression on his mind, uppermost in which was the need for maintaining the solidarity of the British Empire.

A brief address was also given

by Lt.-Col. Munro, commanding 2nd mounted brigade, and who was a former C.O. of the regiment. He made the announcement that Lt.-Col. L. P. Sherwood would be appointed brigade major; succeeding Major F. B. Inkster, who has reverted to duty as second in command of the P.L.D.G.

Kingston Visitors.—Members of the Frontenac Regiment of Kingston invaded the Capital on the 22nd of March and made an unsuccessful attempt to lower the colors of the victorious 38th Battalion indoor baseball team. The resulting game was fast and keenly contested. Although the 38th succeeded in winning by the score of 25 to 12, things were not so one-sided as the score would indicate. The Frontenac Regiment have won the championship of the Kingston Garrison during the season just closing and have a very fine team. Following the game both teams were entertained by officers of the garrison in the sergeants' mess of the 38th Battalion; and a very enjoyable evening followed.

Two Too Bad.—It was indeed very unfortunate that both goal keepers of the R.C.D. hockey team

should have failed to gain admittance to the party that was staged in honor of the visiting firemen in the regimental headquarters of the P.L.D.G. The show was held behind locked doors as the visitors from Quebec were very much in evidence, the total number being several dozen in addition to the team. A pleasant time was had and if the net minders did not gain admittance, they probably realize that they should have stayed with the bunch instead of running off on lone trails.

Heart Throbs.—I went over the bridge with three very prominent officers the other day in order to help one of them collect ammunition for a party. We came home by the Interprovincial bridge and whilst speeding up Sussex with a good sized cargo, I suddenly realized the car was slowing down. A motor cop was in front with arms out wide and it looked like a real honest to God pinch. However, he only wanted to warn the owner to put on his 1924 licence plates, and we all breathed a sigh of relief as he rode away.

Now Permanent Unit. — An order in council altering the character of the Royal Canadian Air

Force became effective April 1st. Formerly the Canadian Air Force was partly military and partly civilian in organization. Appointments were made by the Air Board and members of the Air Force served half their time in military capacity and half in civilian. Hereafter the Royal Canadian Air Force is entirely military and is a permanent force unit. Enlistments for the same term as in other permanent force units and pay are similar except for flying men, who receive a special bonus. The King's regulations and orders for the Canadian Air Force are modeled on the regulations for the British Royal Air Force.

Late Col. Scroggie.—The funeral of the late Lieut.-Col. J. A. Scroggie was held in Kingston on March 28th with full military honors. A short service was held in Currie Hall, Royal Military College, where the body lay in state, and the cortege then proceeded to St. George's Cathedral. A firing squad of cadets and the full cadet body attended, with the superior and subordinate staff of the college, R.C.H.A. band, detachment from R.C.H.A., R.M.C. riding establishment. Other military bodies were represented. The

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pall-bearers were: Prof. Frank Day, Prof. Jemmett, Col. Perry, Col. Constantine, Col. Brown and Col. R. J. Gardiner.

At St. George's Cathedral, the Very Rev. Dean Starr conducted the last services and His Lordship Bishop Bidwell read the scripture lesson. The choir, under the direction of R. R. F. Harvey, rendered appropriate music. At the conclusion of the Cathedral service, the funeral returned to the Royal Military College and the remains were placed in the Martello Tower, where, after the salute by the firing party and the "Last Post," a guard was mounted. The remains have been shipped to Scotland for interment.

Has Retired.—After 37 years in the old Royal Northwest Mounted Police and later in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Lieut.-Col. Theodore A. Wroughton, assistant commissioner of the R.C.M.P., has sent in his resignation with a request that he be retired on a pension.

As an inspector and later as superintendent, Col. Wroughton saw service with the picturesque police force in the early days of the Yukon gold rush and was one of the small coterie of red coats who brought law and order into the Canadian territory inside the Arctic Circle.

Attended Imposter Funeral.—There was a dramatic denouement to one of the most elaborate impostures ever foisted upon the British War Office and officials in the highest circles when former Sergeant Major Arthur Richardson, who served with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and later during the South African War with Strathcona's Horse, was discovered following the funeral in Liverpool of a man who had impersonated him for many months, Corporal Arthur Richardson, of the Gordon Highlanders.

The ex-sergeant major had a distinguished career of service. He was the last man to win the Victoria Cross during the reign of Queen Victoria and the first man on whose breast it was pinned by King Edward. He was the son of a well-known Liverpool family and under the stress of misfortune he had recently taken a job as a tramway laborer with the Liverpool corporation. His mother believed that the son had died in Canada many years ago.

The imposter, Corporal Arthur Richardson, claimed to be the holder of the Victoria Cross granted to his namesake and was feted and presented to His Majesty during the latter's last visit to Liver-

pool. When his death occurred, permission was given by the War Office that he should be buried with full military honors, although he was no longer in the famous Scottish regiment in which he had served. It was the irony of fate that the man whom he had robbed of honors and distinction should walk quietly in the procession behind the gun carriage and the guard of honor.

Pats Association.—There was a very good attendance at the general meeting of the Old Comrades' Association of the P.P.C.L.I. held April 3rd at the G.W.V.A. Club rooms. President R. D. Whitmore was in the chair and he was supported by secretary W. A. Garvin and by all the members of last year's executive.

Election of officers resulted in the re-appointment of Mr. R. D. Whitmore as president, of A. C. Wiltshire as vice-president, and of W. A. Garvin as secretary-treasurer. The executive for 1924 consist of Captain K. C. Burness, M.C., former adjutant; Messrs. T. T. Shields, F. W. Thompson and J. J. Dunlop.

M.O. Retires.—After twenty-one years' service in the Princess

Louise Dragoon Guards, as regimental medical officer, Lieut. Col. J. L. Chabot, has sent in his request for transfer to the Reserve of Officers. Dr. L. A. S. Stewart, of Ottawa has taken over the duties of medical officer, having been appointed to the R.C.A.M.C., with the rank of Lieutenant.


In Town.—Among the visitors in town for the Vimy dinner were Major General J. H. Elmsley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Kingston and Lieut.-Col. A. McMillan, D.S.O., R.C.D.

P.L.D.G. Training.—Word has been received that the P.L.D.G. will be allowed to train 146 all ranks this summer for a period of nine days. The Camp will be held at Connaught Ranges and will most likely start the 2nd of July. The spring season opened at the quarters in the O.A.A.C. building on the 7th when about 80 members of the regiment turned out to view a private screening of the War Office films recently purchased by the Dept. of National Defence. Excellent views of the Cavalry School at Netheravon, Cavalry Brigade with Hotchkiss guns at Aldershot, Vickers guns at Seaford and the Royal Canadian Dra-

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goons at Toronto all formed part of the program. Further views will be shown on the 14th instant. The films, machine and operator were supplied by kindness of Lieut. Col. W. K. Walker, D.S.O., M.C., Commandant of the Canadian Small Arms School.

Are in England.—The R.C.M. Police detachment of ten men under Inspector C. H. Hill, who mobilized here, have arrived in England, and are now on duty at the British Empire Exhibition. Every member of the detachment is over six feet high and all but two have had war service.

R. M. C. Club.—The annual meeting of the Royal Military College Club of Canada was held in the Chateau Laurier on the 8th instant. About 90 members were present from out of town and a jolly good time was had. The officers of the Ottawa branch did all in their power to make the meeting a success and after the toils of the day all attended the annual dinner which was held at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club.

Officers elected for the ensuing years were as follows: Patron, His Excellency, the Governor-General; hon. president, Lt.-Col. R. W. Leonard, St. Catharines; president, Brig.-General G. S. Cartwright; first vice-president, Major S. B. Coristine, Montreal; second vice-president, Lt.-Col. A. B. Gillies, Ottawa; executive committee, Colonel F. L. Armstrong, Ottawa; Brig.-Gen. T. L. Tremblay, Quebec; Brig.-Gen. E. de B. Panet, Montreal; Captain H. E. Cochran, Toronto.

Shrimp in Town.—Shrimp Cochran was among the gallant lads of the village who gave Ottawa a treat on the day of the R.M.C. Club dinner. Shrimp is as juicy as ever.

From Winnipeg.—Brig. Gen. Walter Paterson, C.M.G., D.S.O., former commander of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade was in town for the Vimy Dinner at Government House.

Will Celebrate.—The annual dinner of the officers of the Second Battalion will be held on the 18th instant at the Hotel Quinte, Belleville, Ont.

Vimy Dinner.—His Excellency the Governor General entertained 200 officers of the Canadian Corps to a dinner on the 9th instant on the anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge. The toast list was limited to the King and a telegram of regret was read from

General Sir Arthur Currie by Major General Sir Archibald Macdonnell.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

CHAPTER FOUR

(Continued.)

On April 1st a dismounted detachment from the Regiment, under Capt. Newcomen was ordered to carry out an attack in conjunction with the F.G.H. and L.S.H. on Rifle Wood. This attack was completely successful resulting in the capture of the wood and 100 prisoners with 13 machine guns. On April 4th, the Army Commander, Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Rawlinson, addressed the Unit on parade, thanking them for their services during the recent operations and stating that the two actions on March 31st and April 1st materially assisted in saving Amiens.

The following awards were made: Bar to M.C., Lieut. Le-Mesurier; M.C., Lt. Jarvis, Lieut. Cochran; D.C.M., S.S.M. Cope land; Bar to M.M., Sgt. Parkinson, M.M.; Military Medal, Pte. Palmer, Pte. Karcher, Pte. Warlow, Pte. Bersey, Pte. Maxwell, Pte. Harrington, Pte. Wilson, Sgt. Dunbar and Sgt. King. From April 7th to 14th the Regiment was on the move, the Brigade acting as a mobile reserve.

The following letter was received by the Commanding Officer from Brig.-General Sadler-Jackson, Commanding 54th Infantry Brigade in token of appreciation of the services rendered by the Dismounted party under Major Timmis, who received the D.S.O.:

"I shall take it as a favour if you will convey to the Royal Canadian Dragoons who came to the assistance of the 54th Inf. Bde. on the Croizat Canal on the 23rd March, our deep appreciation and gratitude for the splendid way in which they co-operated during the enforced retirement. I can assure you that this is the universal feeling throughout the Brigade. God grant that if ever the 54th Bde. are again in a tight corner they may be lucky enough to find themselves side by side with the Royal Canadian Dragoons."

Battle of Amiens.

70 re-inforcements were received from the Canadian Corps, but none had had Cavalry experience

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and little knowledge of riding, so the time was given over to training and equitation until August 5th. On the 6th August the Regiment marched from Conde Folie to Amiens and arrived there at 1.45 a.m. on the 7th. The day was spent in making final arrangements and explaining impending operations. At 8.45 p.m. the Unit marched via Amiens to a point on the Blancy-Troville-St. Nicholas Road, arriving at 12.30 a.m. At 4.20 a.m. on the 8th the attack from Marcelcave to Amiens-Roye Rd. commenced by the Canadian and Australian Corps supported by the 3rd British Corps, and at 4.50 a.m. the Brigade moved to Cachy. At 7.30 a.m. the Bde. marched along the Cavalry track to N.E. edge of Bois de Hangard across what had been the German front line and at 8.00 a.m. passed through the 3rd Canadian Division and crossed the river at Ignacourt supported by whippet tanks. At 9.30 a.m. the Brigade "jumped off" from the T roads South of Ignacourt for the high ground East of Beaucourt. The L.S.H. were on the right, with R.C.D. on the left and F.G.H. in reserve. "C" Squadron acted as a Regimental advanced guard and after three successive bounds under heavy machine gun fire from the woods North and East of Beaucourt and from the village, reached the objective and joined up with the L.S.H. on the right. The left flank was exposed as the 7th British Cavalry Bde. had not advanced further than the village. The frontage allotted to the Regt. was so small that it did not permit of anything but a mounted frontal attack, in consequence of which 2 Officers and 7 O.R. were killed, 47 wounded and 6 missing, together with 125 horses, made up the day's casualties. At 8.00 p.m. the Regiment was ordered to return to the wood South of Cayeux and "stood to" saddled up all night. The Regiment remained in the wood till 5.00 a.m. 10th August, when they moved to the valley behind wood South of Caix. At 12.45 a.m. orders were received to move up to a position just East of Warvillers and at 3.00 p.m. orders were issued to go through the Infantry East of Le Quesnoy and seize the high ground N.E. of Roye. This operation turned out to be impossible owing to the wire and trenches and after the F.G.H. and L.S.H. had suffered severely, it was cancelled.

On August 11th the Brigade was withdrawn to Cottenehy and while there a party of Officers visited Morieu Wood and re-interred the body of Lieut. A. V. S. Nordheimer erecting a cross over his grave.

The brigade moved via Amiens, Picquiny to Hangest and on the 21st to Domart. On August 25th the Regiment moved to Tollent and bivouaced on three hours notice to move. After marching to Monchel the Regiment remained there from September 1st to the 25th, the Brigade being G.H.Q. reserve. On Sept. 25th moved to Curlu, leaving there on the 29th and marched via Clery, Allaines, Mt. St. Quentin, Peronne, Estress, Poeuilly to bivouac in Cauliancourt Wood. On Oct. 1st the camp was bombed, 1 O.R. being killed and 17 being wounded, together with 13 horses. On Oct. 2nd left bivouac and marched via Vermand, Bihecourt to Vadencourt, but returned on the 3rd. Left again in the evening and moved up to Bellinglise passing on the way, the old line occupied during the spring and early summer of 1917 and winter of 1916. Moved back to Vermand and remained in the valley till Oct. 8th, being bombed nearly every night.

(To be concluded.)

The Letter Box.

Venetian Gardens,

Montreal, March 28th, 1924.

The Editor "The Goat":

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Yours very truly,

E. R. McNeill.

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That she became inclined to be a prude,
And found that even worse, she'd have to grapple,
With the much debated problem of the nude.

Thereafter she devoted her attention,
Her time, and all her money to her clothes,
And that was the beginning of convention
And modesty as well; I do suppose.

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That it would seem, in name of all that's decent;
Someone ought to pass the apples 'round again.

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HOCKEY.

On reviewing the past hockey season we find that 19 games were played by the Squadron team, out of which we won 6, lost 10, and 3 were a draw. We must admit that these results were somewhat disappointing, as at the start of the season we had hopes of making a better showing. Nevertheless we had a good team, who worked hard, and most of our defeats were by a very narrow margin.

Poor shooting, and lack of material seem to be the main difficulties. Practice will overcome the former, but the latter is rather a difficult problem, when we consider that the total strength of the Squadron is less than 125 all ranks many of whom have long since passed the days of their hockey career, and another large percent-

age are non-skaters. It is all we can do to get twelve men to make up the squad, and in view of the above facts we have every reason to be proud of our team.

In our home and home games with "D" Co'y, the R.C.R. we won both games, 4-3 in Montreal and 4-2 on our own ice.

The Victoria Rifles of Canada defeated us by 6-4 in Montreal, and we won out by a score of 4-3 on the Barracks rink.

Home and home games were played with the St. Johns College, both games ending in a tie after a period of overtime play, but in the deciding game on the College rink we were beaten in a most decisive manner.

We defeated Farnham, the champions of Section "C" of the Eastern Townships Hockey League by a score of 3-2 on their own ice. And we lost to the Princess Louise

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	Won	Lost
*Champlains	7	3
*Singer	6	4
K. of C.	4	5
R.C.D.	2	7

*Includes play off game for League championship.

Although we still decorate the cellar, we are two up on last year's performance when we did not win a single game, and we have the satisfaction of defeating the champions in the last game we played with them.

The St. Johns Hockey League has supplied the local fans with a brand of clean, first class hockey throughout the season, and the exciting games, and uncertainty as to who would be the ultimate winners may best be described by a review of the scores of the last six games:—

Feb. 20th—Champlains 2, Singer 1.

Feb. 22nd—Singer 4, K. of C. 3.

Feb. 23rd—R.C.D. 2, Champlain 1.

Feb. 27th—K. of C. 4, Singer 2.

Mar. 1st—Singer 3, R.C.D. 2.

Deciding game for the cham-

pionship played on the Loyola College Rink, in Montreal, on March 16th—Champlain 4, Singer 3 (after 20 minutes of overtime play).

The large crowds who attended the games, sometimes under the most unfavourable weather conditions, and the fact that the championship had to be decided in Montreal, is the strongest argument that can be put forward to show the necessity of a covered rink in the City.

The past winter has been a most discouraging one for those who have tried to keep up an open air rink, and many weary hours have been spent clearing off snow. A word of praise is due to those responsible for the ice at the Academy rink, which was in first class condition for every league game.

The citizens of St. Johns owe a vote of thanks to the officials and players of the City League, who have given their time and services gratuitously in providing good clean sport during the dreary winter months.

A great deal of credit is due to L/Cpl. "Slim" Durnford, who captained "A" Squadron, not only was he by far the outstanding player on the team, but under his guidance the team maintained,

and in fact, added to their previous record, of being a good clean team, hard fighters, and, when fortune did not smile on us, good losers.

We wish to thank, not only the members of the garrison and their families, but the many citizens of St. Johns who gave us their support during the past season.

Nothing further remains but to heartily congratulate the Champlain Hockey Club, and to hail them as champions of St. Johns for the year 1924.

SQUADRON HOCKEY LEAGUE

Owing to the early date at which the ice departed, we were unable to finish the schedule of the Inter-Troop hockey games. It was decided that the Squadron Headquarters team, who had won every game in the first half of the schedule, should be declared the winners for 1924. They will therefor hold the Codville Cup for the year.

The Codville Cup was presented to "A" Squadron R.C.D. by Lieutenant F. H. M. Codville, R.C.D. (now Lt. Col. Codville, M.C., P.P.C.L.I.) in 1913, for competition between the troops of the squadron in hockey. Lt. Col. Codville, whilst serving with "A" Squad-

ron, was himself a member of the Squadron hockey team.

The following is a list of the winners of the Codville Cup:—

1913—Third Troop.

1921—Second Troop.

1922—Third Troop.

1923—Second Troop.

1924—Sqn. Headquarters.

The following officers and other ranks played for the Squadron Headquarters team during the past season:—

Major D. B. Bowie.

Major E. L. Caldwell.

Major H. Stethem.

Capt. N. M. Halkett, R.C.A.M.C.

L/Cpl. Coulter.

Tpr. Newby.

Tpr. Penny.

Tpr. Poulin.

Mrs. Key was visiting some friends and left the following note for her nearest neighbor:

"Dear Mrs. Garrison: Would you please put out a little food for the cat I have been feeding this winter? It will eat almost anything, but do not put yourself out."—The Booster.

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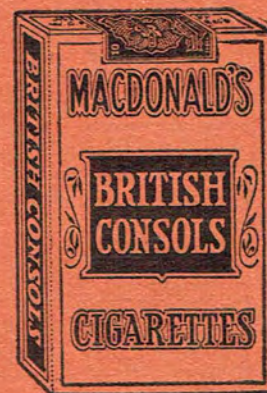
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